

AGENCY DIVISIONS

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) works to save the real places that tell the real stories of Texas. THC staff consults with citizens and organizations to preserve Texas' architectural, archeological and cultural landmarks. The agency is recognized nationally for its preservation programs.

ARCHEOLOGY DIVISION

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The Archeology Division works to identify, protect and preserve Texas' irreplaceable archeological heritage.

DIVISION STAFF:

- Reviews public construction projects that may impact significant archeological sites.
- Administers the State Archeological Landmark (SAL) designation program.
- Serves as support staff for the Texas Antiquities Advisory Board, which evaluates sites for SAL designation and issues state antiquities permits.
- Records and evaluates archeological sites.
- Conducts and reports on archeological research and investigations.
- Directs the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, a statewide network of avocational archeologists who assist THC archeologists in preserving significant sites and collections.
- Coordinates with public and private partners to observe Texas Archeology Month each October.
- Administers an active marine archeology program, including the acclaimed *La Belle* Archeology Project.
- Recognizes Texas landowners who have worked to protect important archeological sites through the Texas Historic Lands Plaque program.
- Administers the Curatorial Facility Certification Program to ensure Texas' archeological collections are preserved.

ARCHITECTURE DIVISION

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The Architecture Division is dedicated to protecting Texas' diverse architectural heritage.

DIVISION STAFF:

- Reviews projects eligible for rehabilitation tax credits.
- Monitors the state's 46 National Historic Landmarks.
- Manages the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, Texas Courthouse Stewardship Program and Preservation Tax Incentive program.
- Monitors the condition of historic county courthouses and provides matching grants to assist courthouse restoration projects throughout the state.
- Oversees maintenance of the THC's historic buildings in the Austin Capitol Complex.
- Holds preservation agreements for significant cultural landmarks to ensure long-term preservation of the property.
- Reviews public construction projects that impact historic properties.
- Assists property owners and developers to qualify for rehabilitation tax credits.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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The Community Heritage Development Division acts in partnership with communities and regions to revitalize historic areas, stimulate tourism and encourage economic development through the use of preservation strategies.

DIVISION STAFF:

- Administers the Texas Main Street Program, one of the most successful downtown revitalization programs in the nation.
- Encourages regional development of heritage tourism resources through the Texas Heritage Trails Program by providing technical, financial and marketing assistance to cities and regions across Texas.
- Evaluates the economic impact of historic preservation and heritage tourism in Texas.
- Administers the Certified Local Government Program, which provides preservation training and matching grants to qualified cities and counties to develop and sustain an effective local preservation program based on federal guidelines.

HISTORIC SITES DIVISION

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The Historic Sites Division is responsible for operating the agency's 31 historic properties throughout the state. These sites tell the real stories of Texas history in authentic settings. Headquarter's staff members provide assistance to field staff in architecture, archeology, collection management, interpretation and marketing.

THC STATE HISTORIC SITES:

- Acton, Acton, Hood County
- Barrington Plantation, Washington, Washington County
- Caddo Mounds, Alto, Cherokee County
- Casa Navarro, San Antonio, Bexar County
- Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia,

Limestone County

- Eisenhower Birthplace, Denison, Grayson County
- Fannin Battleground, Fannin, Goliad County
- Fanthorpe Inn, Anderson, Grimes County
- French Legation, Austin, Travis County
- Fort Griffin, Albany, Shackelford County
- Fort Lancaster, Sheffield, Crockett County
- Fort McKavett, Fort McKavett, Menard County
- Fulton Mansion, Rockport, Aransas County
- Kreische Brewery, La Grange, Fayette County
- · Landmark Inn, Castroville, Medina County
- · Lipantitlan, Mathis, San Patricio County
- Levi Jordan Plantation, Brazoria, Brazoria County (Currently not open to the public)
- Magoffin Home, El Paso, El Paso County
- Mission Dolores, San Augustine, San Augustine County
- Monument Hill, La Grange, Fayette County
- National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County
- Port Isabel Lighthouse, Port Isabel, Cameron County
- Sabine Pass Battleground, Sabine Pass, Jefferson County
- Sam Bell Maxey House, Paris, Lamar County
- Sam Rayburn House Museum, Bonham, Fannin County
- San Felipe de Austin, San Felipe, Austin County
- · San Jacinto Battleground, La Porte, Harris County
- The Star of the Republic Museum, Washington, Washington County
- Starr Family Home, Marshall, Harrison County
- Varner-Hogg Plantation, West Columbia, Brazoria County
- Washington-on-the-Brazos, Washington, Washington County

HISTORY PROGRAMS DIVISION

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The History Programs Division provides preservation assistance to local governments, state and federal agencies, the state's 254 county historical commissions, museums,

nonprofit preservation organizations, volunteers, students, educators, and the general public.

DIVISION STAFF:

- Administers a program to list Texas properties and sites in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Coordinates a statewide survey of historic resources in Texas and assists local communities with historic sites survey efforts.
- Coordinates the agency's Historic Highway program.
- Administers the state's highly successful historical marker program.
- Provides consultation to history museums across the state.
- Coordinates historic cemetery designation and volunteer outreach and education.
- Provides training and education materials to county historical commissions.
- Manages a military sites program to document, commemorate, preserve and promote historic sites involving Texas' military history.
- Coordinates history education programs for Texas youth.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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The Communications Division manages external communications for the THC, including the web, social media, publications and more. Staff ensures consistency of message, brand and quality across these resources. The division handles all questions from news media and some sensitive areas of public concern. A key focus of the division is engagement—ensuring that passive consumers of the agency's information are spurred to more active levels of involvement in historic preservation at the local level.

DIVISION STAFF:

- Publicize agency programs, including state historic sites and heritage travel.
- Provide media and public relations services.
- Manage all agency social media and engagement plans.
- Maintain and improve the agency website, 31 historic sites websites, TexasTimeTravel.com and 10 heritage trails regional websites.
- Publish *The Medallion* agency magazine, brochures, advertisements, invitations and other collateral.
- Create videos and other digital media.
- Govern use of THC brands and enforce branding policies marketing, advertising and promotions.



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